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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois Route 148 is a State highway that runs
3 from Pulley's Mill in Southern Illinois north to Mount Vernon;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Travis Picantine of
6 Sesser passed away while in the service of this country on
7 November 10, 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, He enlisted in the United States Army in 2007; he
9 completed his Basic Training and AIT at Fort Benning, Georgia;
10 he was stationed at Fort Drum, New York with the 10th Mountain
11 Division; and

12 WHEREAS, He was an Infantryman with the 1-32 Charlie
13 Company; he returned to Fort Drum after his deployment to
14 Afghanistan; and

15 WHEREAS, He received many medals and awards during his
16 military service, including the Army Commendation Medal, 2 Army
17 Achievement Medals with Oak Leaf, the National Defense Medal,
18 the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Star, the War on Terrorism
19 Service Medal, the United Nations Medal, the Basic Training
20 Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Medal, the Army
21 Presidential Unit Ribbon with Bronze Oak Leaf, the Army

1 Valorous Unit Citation, the Army Meritorious Unit Citation, the
2 Expert Marksman Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge, and an
3 Infantry Cord; and

4 WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Travis Picantine is
5 remembered by his mother, Tammie Goessman Severs; his sister,
6 Megan Bowlin; his niece, Lily Marie Bowlin; his nephew, Travis
7 Ryan Bowlin, named in his honor after his passing; and his
8 grandparents, Harold Dean and Margaret Goessman; and

9 WHEREAS, This fallen soldier deserves to be remembered by
10 the State of Illinois for his service to this country;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the portion of Illinois Route 148 from
15 Christopher and through the Village of Sesser be renamed the
16 Army Specialist Travis Picantine Memorial Highway; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
19 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
20 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
21 giving notice of the name of the Army Specialist Travis
22 Picantine Memorial Highway; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the
3 family of Army Specialist Travis Picantine.